

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed **February 13, 2004** (Paper No. 4). A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-8, 32, 33, 39 and 40 are currently pending for the Examiner's consideration.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner indicated the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 6-8, 32, 33, 39 and 40. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this identification of allowable subject matter. Consequently, claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 39 and 40 are rewritten herein as independent claims. Therefore, based on the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter, claims 6-8, 32, 33, 39 and 40 should be in condition for allowance following entry of this amendment.

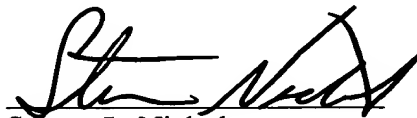
All other claims have been cancelled by this amendment. Therefore, the present application should be in condition for allowance following entry of this amendment which is hereby requested.

Entry and consideration of this amendment are proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for at least the following reasons. The present amendment makes only those changes necessary to place the application in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. The amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration and places the

application in better form. Therefore, entry of the present amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116 and is hereby requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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